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SUBJECT: FRELIMO-PORTUGUESE AGREEMENT

FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF AGREEMENT SIGNED AND PUBLISHED TODAY IN
LUSAKA BY FRELIMO PRESIDENT MACHEL AND ALL MEMBERS OF PORTUGUESE
DELEGATION HEADED BY MINISTER WITHOUT PORTFOLIO ANTUNES:

QUOTE

MEETING IN LUSAKA FROM THE 5TH TO THE 7TH OF SEPTEMBER, 1974, AND
AIMING AT THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN AGREEMENT LEADING TO THE INDE-
PENDENCE OF MOZAMBIQUE, THE PORTUGUESE STATE AND THE MOZAMBIQUE
LIBERATION FRONT DELEGATIONS AGREED ON THE FOLLOWING POINTS:

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1. HAVING RECOGNIZED THE MOZAMBIQUE PEOPLE'S RIGHT TO INDEPENDENCE, THE PORTUGUESE STATE ACCEPTS BY AGREEMENT WITH FRELIMO, THE PROGRESSIVE TRANSFER OF THE POWERS IT HOLDS OVER THE TERRITORY, UNDER THE TERMS FOLLOWING BELOW.

2. THE COMPLETE INDEPENDENCE OF MOZAMBIQUE SHALL BE SOLEMNLY PROCLAIMED ON THE 25TH OF JUNE, 1975, THE ANNIVERSARY OF FRELIMO'S FOUNDATION.

3. THE FOLLOWING GOVERNMENTAL STRUCTURES ARE CREATED WITH A VIEW TO ENSURING THE AFORESAID TRANSFER OF POWERS. THEY WILL BE OPERATIVE DURING THE TRANSITIONAL PERIOD WHICH BEGINS ON THE SIGNING OF THE PRESENT AGREEMENT. THEY ARE:

A) A HIGH COMMISSIONER APPOINTED BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PORTUGUESE REPUBLIC.

B) A TRANSITIONAL GOVERNMENT APPOINTED BY AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE MOZAMBIQUE LIBERATION FRONT AND THE PORTUGUESE STATE.

C) A JOINT MILITARY COMMISSION APPOINTED BY AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE MOZAMBIQUE LIBERATION FRONT AND PORTUGUESE STATE.

4. THE DUTIES OF THE HIGH COMMISSIONER, AS REPRESENTATIVE OF PORTUGUESE SOVEREIGNTY ARE:

A) TO REPRESENT THE PRESIDENT OF THE PORTUGUESE REPUBLIC AND THE PORTUGUESE GOVERNMENT.

B) TO ENSURE MOZAMBIQUE'S TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY.

C) TO PROMULGATE THE LEGISLATIVE DECREES APPROVED BY THE TRANSITIONAL GOVERNMENT AND TO RATIFY THE ACTS WHICH INVOLVE THE DIRECT RESPONSIBILITY OF THE PORTUGUESE STATE.

D) TO ENSURE THE IMPLEMENTATION OF AGREEMENTS REACHED BETWEEN THE PORTUGUESE STATE AND THE MOZAMBIQUE
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LIBERATION FRONT AND THE RESPECT FOR MUTUAL GUARANTEE, NAMELY THOSE SUBSCRIBED TO IN THE UNIVERSAL DECLARATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS.

E) TO BOOST THE PROCESS OF DECOLONIZATION.

5. THE TRANSITIONAL GOVERNMENT'S TASK WILL BE TO PROMOTE THE PROGRESSIVE TRANSFER OF POWERS AT ALL LEVELS AND TO

PREPARE MOZAMBIQUE'S INDEPENDENCE. NAMELY ITS DUTIES ARE:

A) THE EXERCISE OF LEGISLATIVE AND EXECUTIVE FUNCTIONS RELATING TO THE TERRITORY OF MOZAMBIQUE. LEGISLATIVE FUNCTIONS WILL BE CARRIED OUT THROUGH LEGISLATIVE DECREES.

B) THE GENERAL ADMINISTRATION OF THE TERRITORY UP TO THE PROCLAMATION OF INDEPENDENCE AND THE RESTRUCTURING OF THE CADRES CONCERNED.

C) THE REFERENCE AND SAFEGUARD OF PUBLIC ORDER AND THE SAFETY OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY.

D) THE IMPLEMENTATION OF AGREEMENTS SIGNED BY THE MOZAMBIQUE LIBERATION FRONT AND THE PORTUGUESE STATE.

E) THE FINANCIAL AND ECONOMIC ADMINISTRATION OF THE TERRITORY, NAMELY THE ESTABLISHMENT OF STRUCTURES AND MECHANISMS OF CONTROL WHICH MAY CONTRIBUTE TOWARDS THE DEVELOPMENT OF AND INDEPENDENT MOZAMBIQUE ECONOMY.

F) THE GUARANTEE OF THE PRINCIPLE OF NON-DISCRIMINATION ON THE GROUNDS OF RACE, ETHNICITY, RELIGION OR SEX.

G) THE RESTRUCTURING OF THE TERRITORY'S JUDICIARY ORGANIZATION.

6. THE COMPOSITION OF THE TRANSITIONAL GOVERNMENT SHALL BE AS FOLLOWS:

A) A PRIME MINISTER APPOINTED BY THE MOZAMBIQUE LIBERATION FRONT AND WHOSE TASK IS TO COORDINATE GOVERNMENT ACTION
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AND TO REPRESENT THE GOVERNMENT.

B) NINE MINISTERS HOLDING THE FOLLOWING PORTFOLIOS: INTERNAL ADMINISTRATION; JUSTICE; ECONOMIC COORDINATION; INFORMATION; EDUCATION AND CULTURE; TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS; HEALTH AND SOCIAL AFFAIRS; LABOUR; PUBLIC WORKS AND HOUSING.

C) SECRETARIES AND UNDERSECRETARIES TO BE CREATED AND APPOINTED UNDER THE PRIME MINISTER'S PROPOSITION, BY THE TRANSITIONAL GOVERNMENT'S DECISION, SUBMITTED TO THE HIGH COMMISSIONER'S RATIFICATION.

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D) THE TRANSITIONAL GOVERNMENT SHALL DEFINE THE DISTRIBUTION
OF ITS COMPETENCE THROUGH THE RESPECTIVE MINISTERS,
SECRETARIES AND UNDERSECRETARIES.

7. GIVEN THE TRANSITIONAL CHARACTER OF THIS STAGE OF GOVERNMENTAL
ACTION MINISTERS SHALL BE APPOINTED BY THE MOZAMBIQUE
LIBERATION FRONT AND BY THE HIGH COMMISSIONER IN THE PROPORTION
OF TWO-THIRDS AND ONE THIRD, RESPECTIVELY.

8. THE JOINT MILITARY COMMISSION WILL CONSIST OF EQUAL NUMBERS
OF REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE ARMED FORCES OF THE PORTUGUESE
STATE AND FROM THE MOZAMBIQUE LIBERATION FRONT. ITS MAIN
TASK WILL BE TO CONTROL THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CEASE FIRE
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9. THE MOZAMBIQUE LIBERATION FRONT AND THE PORTUGUESE STATE
HEREBY AGREE TO A CEASE-FIRE ON THE TERMS SPECIFIED IN THE
ADJOINING PROTOCOL. (EMBASSY COMMENT. PROTOCOL NOT
AVAILABLE BUT UNDERSTAND CEASEFIRE TO COMMENCE
2200 GMT TODAY.)

10. IN THE CASE OF SERIOUS DISRUPTION OF PUBLIC ORDER REQUIRING
INTERVENTION BY THE ARMED FORCES, THE COMMAND AND COORDINATION
WILL BE ENTRUSTED TO THE HIGH COMMISSIONER, ASSISTED BY THE
PRIME MINISTER ON WHOM THE ARMED FORCES OF THE MOZAMBIQUE
LIBERATION FRONT DIRECTLY DEPEND.

11. THE TRANSITIONAL GOVERNMENT SHALL SET UP A POLICE CORPS CHARGED
WITH ENSURING THE MAINTENANCE OF ORDER AND THE SAFETY OF PER-
SONS. UNTIL SUCH A CORPS BECOMES OPERATIVE, THE POLICE FORCES
PRESENTLY EXISTING WILL BE COMMANDED BY THE HIGH COMMISSIONER,
IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE GENERAL ORIENTATION DEFINED BY THE
TRANSITIONAL GOVERNMENT.

12. THE PORTUGUESE STATE AND THE MOZAMBIQUE LIBERATION FRONT UNDER-
TAKE TO ACT JOINTLY IN THE DEFENCE OF THE TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY
OF MOZAMBIQUE AGAINST AGGRESSION.

13. THE MOZAMBIQUE LIBERATION FRONT AND THE PORTUGUESE STATE
SOLEMNLY STATE THEIR AIM TO ESTABLISH AND DEVELOP LINKS OF FRIEND-
SHIP AND CONSTRUCTIVE COOPERATIVE BETWEEN THEIR RESPECTIVE PEOPLES,
NAMELY IN THE CULTURAL, TECHNICAL, ECONOMIC AND FINANCIAL
FIELDS, UPON A BASIS OF INDEPENDENCE, EQUALITY, COMMUNITY OF
INTERESTS AND RESPECT FOR THE PERSONALITY OF EACH PEOPLE.
FOR THIS AND DURING THE TRANSITIONAL PERIOD SPECIALISED JOINT
COMMISSIONS WILL BE CREATED AND THEREAFTER THE RELEVANT
AGREEMENTS WILL BE SIGNED.

14. THE MOZAMBIQUE LIBERATION FRONT DECLARES ITS READINESS TO ACCEPT
RESPONSIBILITY FOR FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS UNDERTAKEN BY THE
PORTUGUESE STATE IN THE NAME OF MOZAMBIQUE, PROVIDED THAT THOSE
OBLIGATIONS WERE UNDERTAKEN IN THE EFFECTIVE INTEREST OF THIS
TERRITORY.

15. THE PORTUGUESE STATE AND THE MOZAMBIQUE LIBERATION FRONT UNDER-
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TAKE TO ACT JOINTLY IN ORDER TO ELIMINATE ALL VESTIGES OF COLO-
NIALISM AND TO CREATE TRUE RACIAL HARMONY. IN THIS CONTEXT
THE MOZAMBIQUE LIBERATION FRONT REAFFIRMS ITS POLICY OF NON-DIS-
CRIMINATION, ACCORDING TO WHICH THE QUALITY OF MOZAMBIKAN IS

NOT DEFINED BY SKIN COLOUR,BUT BY VOLUNTARY IDENTIFICATION WITH THE ASPIRATIONS OF THE MOZAMBICAN NATION. ON THE OTHER HAND SPECIAL AGREEMENTS WILL DEFINE THE STATUS OF PORTUGUESE CITIZENS RESIDENT IN MOZAMBIQUE AND OF MOZAMBICAN CITIZENS RESIDENT IN PORTUGAL ON RECIPROCAL BASIS.

16 IN ORDER TO ENSURE FOR THE TRANSITIONAL GOVERNMENT THE MEANS TO PURSUE AN INDEPENDENT FINANCIAL POLICY A CENTRAL BANK WILL BE CREATED IN MOZAMBIQUE, WHICH WILL ALSO HAVE THE FUNCTIONS OF AN ISSUING BANK. FOR THIS PURPOSE THE PORTUGUESE STATE UNDERTAKE TO TRANSFER TO THAT BANK ALL ASSETS AND LIABILITIES OF THE MOZAMBIQUE DEPARTMENT OF THE BANCO NACIONAL ULTRAMARINO (NATIONAL OVERSEAS BANK). A JOINT COMMISSION WILL BEGIN WORK IMMEDIATELY TO STUDY CONDITIONS FOR SUCH A TRANSFER.

17. THE TRANSITIONAL GOVERNMENT SHALL TRY TO OBTAIN, THROUGH INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS OR BILATERALLY, THE AID REQUIRED FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF MOZAMBIQUE, NAMELY FOR THE SOLUTION OF ITS MOST PRESSING PROBLEMS.

18. THE INDEPENDENT MOZAMBICAN STATE WILL EXERCISE FULLY COMPLETE SOVEREIGNTY IN DOMESTIC AND EXTERNAL AFFAIRS, ESTABLISHING POLITICAL INSTITUTIONS AND FREELY CHOOSING THE POLITICAL AND SOCIAL SYSTEM WHICH IT CONSIDERS BEST SUITED TO THE INTERESTS OF ITS PEOPLE.

19. THE PORTUGUESE GOVERNMENT AND THE MOZAMBIQUE LIBERATION FRONT CONGRATULATE THEMSELVES FOR THE CONCLUSION OF THE PRESENT AGREEMENT WHICH, WITH THE END OF WAR AND THE REESTABLISHMENT OF PEACE, LEADING TO THE INDEPENDENCE OF MOZAMBIQUE, OPENS A NEW PAGE IN THE HISTORY OF RELATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES AND PEOPLES.

THE MOZAMBIQUE LIBERATION FRONT WHICH, DURING THE COURSE OF ITS STRUGGLE, HAS ALWAYS DISTINGUISHED THE DEPOSED COLONIALIST REGIME FROM THE PORTUGUESE PEOPLE, AND THE PORTUGUESE STATE, WILL INCREASE ITS EFFORTS TO BUILD THE BASIS FOR A
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FRUITFUL FRATERNAL AND HARMONIOUS COOPERATION BETWEEN PORTUGAL AND MOZAMBIQUE.

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